

What is an unaccompanied refugee minor?

It is a young person like you, age 18 or younger, who is newly arrived in the U.S. without a parent or legal guardian, and who has experienced persecution, violence, or abuse. Ask your case manager to help you understand what it means for you and your eligibility.

What is the URM program?

The URM program provides young people like you a safe place to live and services to help you finish school or get a job, and to thrive as you become an independent adult. You can remain in the program at least until you turn 21 years old, and some services may continue past that age.

While in the program, you will receive the following services:



A safe place to live and call home—your own place, a foster home, or a group home



Assistance from an adult to ensure you receive proper care, such as health, dental, and mental health care



Help finding/reunifying with your family



Support system to help you adjust to a new environment, while maintaining your ethnic and religious heritage



English language training and educational support



Training to prepare for a future job



Preparation to live on your own



Immigration help

Is the URM program right for you?

Talk to your case manager, attorney, or clinician if you want to discuss applying for the URM program.

What are the next steps?



1. If the URM program is right for you, work with your case manager to complete the application.



2. Your application is submitted, and placement search occurs (wait time depends on the case and placement availability).



3. The URM program finds you a safe and appropriate place to live.



4. You travel to your new program—a place that you can call home.



5. You start receiving services.